



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: 1992 Water Conservation Program

MEETING DATE: April 15, 1992

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This item is for information only.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The City Council, at its last regular Council meeting of April 1, 1992, asked for a recap of the City's water conservation program.

The original water conservation ordinance was adopted by the City Council in 1977 and was not changed until last year. At that time, the following major changes were made to the ordinance:

1. Established no watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. from May 1 through September 30.
2. Eliminated Monday as a landscape watering day. The watering days are as follows:
 - Premises having odd numbered street addresses on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday;
 - Premises having even numbered street addresses on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.
3. Made provisions for watering new lawns and plantings aside the allowed watering times and days.
4. Increased fines for wasting water.
5. Provided control of overwatering during winter months.

Starting Monday, April 13, 1992, the City will be using three part-time Water Conservation Officers to patrol for water wasting and to answer water complaint calls. These part-time personnel will be rotated to provide patrol at all different hours.

In addition to water conservation patrol and responding to complaints, our 1992 program will include:

1. Active participation in Water Awareness Month during the month of May.
2. Providing an information booth at the Lodi Grape and Wine Festival during the month of September.
3. Participating in the annual County Conservation Fair in October with an information booth.
4. Providing an information booth at the City's Crime Prevention Fair in May.

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5. Promoting water conservation in a joint effort with the Lodi News Sentinel to produce a semiweekly article called "Water Wise".
6. Continuation of our classroom education program.
7. We will again enlist the help of all Public Works and other City personnel to alert the Water Conservation Office of water waste occurrences.

Attached for your information is the information sheet which our Water Conservation Officers use as a handout or when giving a water waster their first informal water waste notice. The City of Lodi also has available to the public the attached magnetic reminder of Lodi watering days and times. These can be picked up at no charge at City Hall or our Water Conservation Office at 1331 South Ham Lane, Lodi.

The annual cost of our total water conservation program last year was approximately \$42,000. At the same time, we realized a savings in water pumping costs of approximately \$60,000. Water conservation does pay for itself.

FUNDING: Not applicable.


Jack L. Ronsko
Public Works Director

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Attachments



INFORMATION SHEET

Requirements of the City of Lodi Water Conservation Ordinance

Ordinance Requirements - Water waste includes but is not limited to:

1. Allowing a controllable leak of water to go unrepaired.
2. Watering lawns, flower beds, landscaping, ornamental plants or gardens except on watering days as follows:
Odd-numbered addresses on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday; Even-numbered addresses on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. (WATERING IS NOT ALLOWED ON MONDAYS)
3. Watering lawns, flower beds, landscaping, ornamental plants and gardens between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. from May 1 through September 30 each year. (WATERING BETWEEN THOSE HOURS IS NOT ALLOWED)
4. Washing down sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, patios, other paved areas or buildings
5. Washing any motor vehicle, trailer, boat, moveable equipment except with a bucket. A hose shall be used for rinsing only and for not more than three (3) minutes.
6. Use of a hose without a positive shut off nozzle.
7. Allowing excess water to flow into a gutter or any drainage area for longer than three (3) minutes.
8. Overwatering lawns or landscapes from November 1 through February 28, or during and immediately after a rain.

Water Wasting Rates and Enforcement - Education and cooperation is our first goal, but the following enforcement procedures and charges will be followed for water wasting.

- 1st Water Waste - City will leave an information sheet describing the waste so that it may be corrected.
- 2nd Water Waste* - City will give written notice requiring corrective action.
- 3rd Water Waste* - City will give written notice, and a \$35 charge will be added to the next utility bill.
- 4th Water Waste* - City will give written notice, and a \$75 charge will be added to the next utility bill.

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Within 12 months of any previous waste of water

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This is Not a Citation. However, if you have received any previous notice within the last 12 months, a written notice will follow.

WATER CONSERVATION ORDINANCE

Lodi Municipal Code, Chapter 13.08, Article III.

Waste. (Section 13.08.220)

The waste of water is prohibited and any waste shall make the person subject to the provisions of this article.

Defined. (Section 13.08.230)

"Waste of water" includes but is not limited to the following:

- A. Failure to repair a controllable leak of water.
- B. The watering of lawns, flowerbeds, landscaping, ornamental plants or gardens on days or at times other than those allowed in Section 13.08.240 of this article;
- C. Washing of sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, patios, streets or other exterior paved areas or buildings except when required to remove any spillage of substances that may be a danger to public health or safety;
- D. Washing with water any motor vehicles, trailers or movable equipment other than with a bucket and rinsing the vehicle or equipment by use of a hose for not more than three minutes;
- E. Use of a hose without a positive shut off nozzle;
- F. The excess watering of any area so that water flows into a gutter or any drainage area for a period exceeding three minutes;
- G. The unnecessary running of water in any residential, commercial or industrial establishment onto the floor, pavement, ground or into any drain or drainage area, with any equipment or in any way for more than three minutes;
- H. Overwatering of lawns or landscapes from November 1 through February 28, or during or immediately following a rain.

Watering days/hours. (Section 13.08.240)

- A. Days. The watering of lawns, flowerbeds, landscaping, ornamental plants or gardens throughout the year shall be allowed as follows:
 - 1. Premises having odd numbered street addresses on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday;
 - 2. Premises having even numbered street addresses on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.
- B. Hours. Watering of lawns, flowerbeds, landscaping, ornamental plants or gardens shall be allowed at any hour except that between May 1 and September 30 (inclusive) of each year watering between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. is prohibited.

Enforcement procedures. (Section 13.08.250)

- A. Whenever the City becomes aware of a waste of water the City shall notify the person at the premises where the waste of water occurred by delivering an Information Sheet. The Information Sheet shall describe the waste of water in order that it be corrected, cured or abated immediately or within such specified time as the City believes is reasonable under the circumstances. In addition, the Information Sheet may be given to any other person known to the City who is responsible for that waste of water or the correction thereof and may be delivered to the premises every time a waste of water occurs.

B. In the event of a second waste of water within a 12 month period, the City will send a written notice stating the date(s), time(s) and type(s) of water waste to the person who regularly receives the utility bill for the premises where the wasting occurred.

C. In the event of a third waste of water within 12 months of any previous waste of water, a written notice will be mailed assessing a thirty-five dollar charge to be added to the next monthly utility bill.

D. In the event of a fourth waste of water within 12 months of any previous waste of water, a written notice will be mailed assessing a seventy-five dollar charge to be added to the next monthly utility bill.

E. In the event of a fifth or any subsequent waste of water within 12 months of any previous waste of water, a written notice will be mailed assessing a one hundred and fifty dollar charge to be added to the next monthly utility bill. The City may also require the owner or user to pay for the cost of installation of a water meter service as a prerequisite to continuing service. The City may also install a flow restriction device on the water service and require the owner or user to pay for the costs of installation and/or removal.

Strict application (Section 13.08.260)

If the Public Works Director or a designated representative determines the strict application of any of the provisions of this article may cause undue hardship or public health or safety to suffer, or if other special circumstances exist, the strict application may be waived. Special circumstances would include, but not be limited to: newly planted areas, newly seeded areas, washing down after cement work and pressure washing a building before painting. The decision of the public works director may be appealed to the City Council as described in 13.08.265 of this article.

Appeals. (Section 13.08.270)

If the ruling made by the Public Works Director is unsatisfactory to the person requesting reconsideration, the person may, within twenty days after notification of the City's action, file a written appeal to the City Council. The written appeal shall be heard by the City Council within twenty days from the date of filing. The City Council shall make a final ruling on the appeal within twenty days of the hearing. The Public Works Director's decision, action or determination shall remain in effect during such period of reconsideration except that any charges assessed under this article will be stayed until the City Council has made its decision.

Violation-Infraction. (Section 13.08.280)

In addition to the enforcement procedures and surcharges set forth in this article, any person who wastes water, as defined in this article, may also be charged with an infraction.

Emergency Water Conservation Purpose (Section 13.08.290)

The purpose of emergency water conservation is to assist meeting water pressure and/or supply demands when the water system cannot or may not be adequate and the failure to meet such demands may result in harm to the water system and/or jeopardize the health and safety of the public. The Public Works Director or a designated representative shall determine the degree of emergency and determine what additional restrictions of water use or other appropriate actions must be taken to protect the water system and the citizens of Lodi.



LODI'S WATERING DAYS AND TIMES

ODD street addresses:
Sunday, Wednesday and Friday

EVEN street addresses:
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

NO watering between 10am and 6pm
May 1st thru September 30th